



## Ball Presents Twice in May



Andrew Ball, Assistant Professor and LCIE Humanities Program Director, delivered two conference presentations in May.

The first presentation took place during the North American Levinas Society Proximity: Levinas in the Spaces of Justice" May 18-21. The event was hosted by Salisbury University in Ocean City, Md.

The title of Ball's presentation was, "*Proximity, Exposure, and Risk: Marina Abramovic and the Performative Staging of Levinasian Ethics.*" According to Ball, his presentation examined the ways in which the oeuvre of Serbian performance artist Marina Abramovic stages the Levinasian model of intersubjectivity, where the ego is shattered in its traumatic encounter with "the face of the other" and reconstituted in response to the other's demand for justice.

Ball's second address took place at the annual American Literature Association Conference May 22-25 in Washington, D.C. He presented, "*Redemptive Realism: Liberation Soteriology in the Novels of William Dean Howells,*" which examined Howells' literary endorsement of democratic socialism over both its

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# Did You Know?

**Did you know that Mary Sibley started the first Sunday School in St. Charles, MO? According to her obituary, soon after converting to the Presbyterian Church in 1832, Mary began a lifelong quest to convert others to Christianity with the creation of the Sunday School.**

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revolutionary and utopian counterparts and the major role this played in promoting a political philosophy and a theory of redemption that would ultimately gain prominence as the Progressive Era's social gospel.

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## **Mangels Appointed to Catholic Charities Board**



Susan Mangels, PhD, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Saint Louis. The organization is one of the largest private providers of social services in the state of Missouri.

According to the Catholic Charities website, the federation is comprised of eight agencies offering more than 100 programs that assist, on average, 147,000 people annually. Race, creed and ethnic background play no role in determining who receives help from Catholic Charities. Need is the only criterion.

Catholic Charities agencies and their more than 6,000 volunteers are dedicated to serving a wide range of disadvantaged populations, including dependent, abused and neglected children; unemployed or homeless adults; parents and children requiring family counseling; people struggling as the result of drug abuse or alcoholism; senior citizens with special needs; and many more. The federation seeks to break the cycle of poverty, abuse, and neglect and empower people to make permanent changes in their lives leading to self-sufficient, dignified lifestyles. Children and adults are served in St. Louis, Jefferson, St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren, Ste. Genevieve, Washington, and Perry counties.

"I am honored to be asked to serve as a trustee of the federation that does so much good for many in our region," said Mangels.

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## **Onyia to Present in Ghana July 9-10**



Okey Onyia, PhD, Associate

Professor of Marketing and Chair of the School of Business and Entrepreneurship Faculty Scholarship Advisory Committee, will speak and present his published paper on internet banking at two upcoming AITEC Banking and Mobile Money West Conferences. He will deliver presentations at the organization's conference in Accra, Ghana, July 9-10 and at another conference in Lagos, Nigeria, July 15-16.

According to the organization's website, AITEC Africa's core business since 1987 has been focused on information and communications technologies publishing, event management, professional development, and training in Africa. It has been a market-leading pioneer in terms of spreading knowledge about the Internet, computing, and telecommunications across most of English-speaking Africa.

"This opportunity is yet another way that I and my colleagues in the SB&E Research-faculty Designation endeavor to promote the academic image and clout of Lindenwood University through our scholarship activities around the world," Onyia said.